

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 6, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Senator Lieu

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Lowenthal, Skinner, and Ting)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to National Domestic
Violence Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 68, as amended, Lieu. *National Domestic Violence Awareness
Month.*

This bill would recognize October of each year as National Domestic
Violence Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, President Obama declared October 2012 as
2 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and
3 WHEREAS, President Obama called on all Americans to
4 “promote healthy relationships, speak out when we see injustice
5 in our communities, stand with survivors we know, and change
6 attitudes that perpetuate the cycle of abuse”; and
7 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made toward breaking
8 the cycle of violence, much work remains to be done; and
9 WHEREAS, Domestic violence programs in California provide
10 essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing
11 violence; and

1 WHEREAS, Advocates and organizations work on behalf of
2 victims every day. Domestic violence shelters and services, law
3 enforcement officials, health care providers, and others are all
4 integral parts of the effort to end domestic violence and must be
5 recognized and applauded for their work; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a need to increase the public awareness
7 and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of victims;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects women, men, and
10 children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups
11 in the United States and here in California; and

12 WHEREAS, All victims deserve access to programs and services
13 to increase their safety; and

14 ~~WHEREAS, Approximately 40 percent of California women~~
15 ~~experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes;~~
16 ~~and While one in four women and one in seven men have~~
17 ~~experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner;~~
18 ~~women are disproportionately affected by sexual violence, intimate~~
19 ~~partner violence, and stalking; and~~

20 WHEREAS, Women 18 to 24 years of age are significantly
21 more likely to be victims of physical intimate partner violence
22 than women in other age groups; and

23 WHEREAS, California law enforcement agencies received
24 158,547 domestic violence-related calls in 2011; and

25 ~~WHEREAS, There were 147 domestic-violence-related~~
26 ~~violence-related~~ homicides in California in 2011, of which 129
27 fatalities were female and 18 were male; and

28 WHEREAS, Children exposed to domestic violence can
29 experience long-term consequences, including difficulty at school,
30 substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and

31 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role that all
32 Californians can play in preventing, and one day ending, domestic
33 violence; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
35 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes October 2013,
36 and each following October, as National Domestic Violence
37 Awareness Month; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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